

readvanced, then you can bring it back to select file for a specific amendment, but you're attempting to amend an amendment on select file and of necessity, it would have to go clear back to general file to have that happen. I will stand corrected if I'm wrong but the rules here on your motion to return for a specific amendment requires a majority of the elected members and to adopt that specific amendment, requires a majority of the elected members and it says nothing here about an amendment to an amendment on select file.

SPEAKER: Well; stand by. Senator Duis, the Chair would observe that under the rules, you have read them right and this is correct. The Chair in this instance, would rule, however, and I haven't been asked to rule, but I'm going to, that Senator Barnett's motion can be amended before the bill is brought back, it's on E&R. Senator Barnett's motion can be amended by the body, by Senator Whitney on which a vote can be taken; then that will carry a specific amendment and that will be the specific amendment for which the bill would be brought back to select file. Senator Syas, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I--

SPEAKER: Go ahead, sir.

SENATOR SYAS: I don't like to get in a hassle with the Chair, but I think this is highly irregular, to, you amend the bill before it gets amended on--

SPEAKER: No, no, Senator Syas, you misunderstood, I didn't say we're amending the bill. I said he was subject, could amend Senator Barnett's motion. That's what the Chair is trying to make the point. He can amend that amendment and that amendment will be the one that will be considered for the bill when it's brought back to select file for the specific amendment. He is not amending the bill and the Chair didn't say that, sir, and I'm sorry--

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I, I, I think this is highly irregular but I'm not going to take a vote on that.

SPEAKER: I don't think the situation is covered in the rules. That's correct sir. Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President. I will agree with the Chair. I visited with Vince and what he's attempting to do here, Senator Syas, is to amend the amendment prior to the time that the specific amendment goes to select file; therefore, the amended amendment becomes the specific amendment, so I'll go along with that and thank you.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Now we're back to Senator Whitney. Senator Whitney has an amendment I understand, to Senator Barnett's amendment, which would become part of the specific amendment to this bill, to 194 as it is returned to select file. We now will debate Senator Whitney's amendment to Senator Barnett's amendment. Stand by. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I feel that we want our cities out there to have a little more authority. We don't want to take all this authority away from them and therefore, I want this amendment to Senator Barnett's motion.

SPEAKER: Would the Clerk read the amendment to the Barnett motion? That's Senator Whitney's.

CLERK: I think it would simply provide that it eliminates counties under 300,000 population.